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**Michael P. Seaman, DO, FAAFP
Awarded NBOME 2014 "COMAT Item Writer of the Year"**



The National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME) is pleased to announce the organization's 2014 "COMAT Examination Series Item Writer of the Year" award winner, Michael P. Seaman, DO, Associate Professor of Family Medicine/Emergency Medicine, Medical Director for Simulation Labs, Lincoln Memorial University-DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine

Harrogate, TN, who was recognized for his contributions to the Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Achievement Test (COMAT) examination series.

The NBOME undertook an objective evaluation of more than 350 academic and clinical subject matter experts who serve as active National Faculty and Item Writers contributing to the COMAT and COMLEX-USA examination series in 2014. The Board concluded that Dr. Seaman's test items were exceptional.

Dr. Seaman received his DO degree from the New York College of Osteopathic Medicine in Old Westbury, NY, and completed residency training in Family Practice at the United States Air Force Medical Center, Scott Air Force Base, IL.

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He has been recognized with numerous awards and professional affiliations throughout his career. "I am thankful for this award and the opportunity to work with the NBOME," Dr. Seaman said.

Dr. Seaman is joined by six other 2014 Item Writer and Case Author of the Year award recipients: William Elliot, MD, PhD, of Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences; Mark Gabay, DO, of Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine (COM), Fort Lauderdale, FL; second-time winner, Jonathan K. Kalmey, PhD, of Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine; Jaime M. Rawson, DO, Captain, United States Air Force, VA Joint Venture Hospital in Elmendorf-Richardson, AK; and, Sheldon C. Yao, DO, New York Institute of Technology College of Osteopathic Medicine. Additionally, the NBOME honored Thomas H. O'Hare, DO, of both the Arizona and Chicago Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine with the "COMLEX-USA Level 2-Performance Evaluation Case Author of the Year" award.

"Throughout the long and rich history of the osteopathic medical profession, practicing physicians, academic physicians and other medical educators from undergraduate colleges of osteopathic medicine and graduate medical education programs, and members of the physician licensing community have participated in all aspects of the NBOME assessments and services," NBOME President and CEO John R. Gimpel, DO, MEd, said.

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“Today,” Dr. Gimpel continued, “more than 900 professionals from 44 states comprise the NBOME’s National Faculty and participate in governance, on committees, in the development of examination standards and content, in quality assurance initiatives, and as physician examiners. We are pleased to honor this year’s award winners for their exceptional contributions.”

The NBOME is the national assessment organization for the osteopathic medical profession. COMLEX-USA is the examination series accepted for osteopathic physician licensure throughout the United States and in numerous international jurisdictions. It is also a graduation requirement from all US colleges of osteopathic medicine. The COMLEX-USA examination series allows the NBOME to fulfill its primary mission in protecting the public by assessing the competencies of osteopathic physicians.

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